

JUNE 28, 2006

The North Providence School Committee met on June 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Martinelli. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Henneous Ms. Celona, Mr. Gerardi, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session only.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Martinelli and carried to recess the regular session and go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Contracts and a Litigation Update.

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m. It began by saluting the flag. Next, Chairman Marciano asked for a moment of silence.

The first item on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Ottaviano explained that each year, the RI Department of Education asked each district to nominate a teacher of the year. She next read the nominees from each of the schools within the district and each was presented with an award. She next spoke about the process used to pick a teacher of the year to represent the district and announced that the Subcommittee chose Dr. Anne Marie McDonnell. Members of the Committee and Administration

congratulated Dr. McDonnell and the other nominees. Dr. McDonnell expressed her appreciation and thanked the members of the screening committee. She added that it is an honor to teach for the school system.

Next, Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the change of the July meeting date from July 26, 2006 to July 19, 2006.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the recommendation to change the July meeting date from July 26, 2006 to July 19, 2006.

Next was the EdNet Presentation. Mr. Gerardi announced that the representative from EdNet had not arrived yet and requested that this item be placed at the end to allow the representative from EdNet to make a brief presentation.

Next was the Health and Wellness Policy.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Policy as presented.

Next was the WWII Program Presentation. Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Mr. Carbone. Mr. Carbone passed out a booklet prepared by the students and urged everyone to read it at their leisure. He felt that the project was a great success.

Next was Approval of the Mayor's Budget. Superintendent Ottaviano stated that at a meeting in June, the Town Council approved the Mayor's budget. She recommended the Committee's approval.

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Mayor's Budget as presented.

Next was the Home Schooling Approval. Mr. Gerardi recommended that the Request submitted by David and Beverly Pendrak for Rebekah Hannah Pendrak (Kindergarten) be approved as submitted.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Request be approved as submitted. Mr. Cataldi voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

Next was Field Trip Requests. There being none, next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the June 28, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Members of the Committee asked questions.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the June 28, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Next on the Agenda was School Committee Reports.

Chairman Marciano spoke about the memo from Linda Celona regarding electrical rates. Mr. Martinelli thanked Ms. Celona for the information and would like to set up a meeting to go over the information provided.

Next was Contracts. Mr. DaSilva withdrew the item from the Agenda.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Requests to Address the Committee. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business.

Next was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business. First was Approval of Bids. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for the Attendance System be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Automatic Data Processing.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to award the bid for the Attendance System to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Automatic Data Processing. Mr. Wilkes abstained from voting on the motion. The motion carried.

Next was the Bid for Athletic Supplies and Equipment. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for each category.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to award the bid for Athletic Supplies and Equipment to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for each category. Chairman Marciano asked that the record reflect that Grogan Marciano Sports is no relation to him.

Next was Retirements. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement requests as submitted in the School Committee packets, which were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve with regret the Retirement of Phyllis Davis – Grade 1 Teacher at Stephen Olney effective at the end of the 2005/2006 School year.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve with regret the Retirement of Lizabeth O’Grady – Kindergarten Teacher – Marieville effective June 16, 2006.

Next was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence Request by Melissa Centracchio for an Unpaid Leave of Absence effective for the 2006/2007 School Year; and Kym Hambly for an Unpaid FMLA – 13 Weeks effective from August 30, 2006 to November 29, 2006.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Requests as presented.

Next was a Layoff Recisions. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Layoff Recisions attached in the School Committee packets.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Layoff Recisions as presented.

Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the appointments, which were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mrs. Reall and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointments as presented. Members of the Committee and Administration offered congratulations.

Next, Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Employee Termination as outlined in the School Committee packets.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Employee Termination as outlined in the School Committee packets.

Next was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the

Agenda was Use of Property Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the June 28, 2006 School Committee Packets.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for Use of Property Requests as presented.

Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the N.

Providence School Department List of Bills dated June 28, 2006 in the amount of \$1,009,475.34 be approved and paid.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the June 28, 2006 North Providence School Department List of Bills be approved with regret and paid.

Next was Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Cataldi and carried that the Minutes of the June 28, 2006 Executive Session be approved as presented and kept closed in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-4 and 42-5.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried that the Minutes of the June 28, 2006 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. Mr. Raymond Cloutier asked to address the Committee regarding the Use of Property Request from last month. He introduced himself and spoke about coaching the amateur baseball team in North Providence for the last twenty-two years. Due to the expansion of the Babe Ruth league, there has been a lack of availability for the High School baseball field. He reminded everyone that he is not an out-of-towner and that he has contributed to the maintenance of the field over the years. He assured everyone that he would be willing to work with everyone to try to accommodate everyone's schedules. Members of the Committee assured Mr. Cloutier that his contributions to the Town and the field were never in question and that none of the members were aware of any statements made to the effect that he did not contribute to the maintenance of the field. The members also assured Mr. Cloutier that they would like everyone involved to understand that accommodating the amateur team needs to be a priority when scheduling the field.

Next, the Committee reverted back to the Superintendent's Report to allow the representative from EdNet to give a brief presentation. Mr. Richard Trembliss spoke about EdNet being a new webservice company using a series of templates that can be used by the school systems to navigate. The service is provided to the school districts

by subscribers using a credit card that offers rebates to fund the program. He asked for the Committee's permission to meet with the leadership to establish a program in North Providence.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to allow EdNet to work with the administration.

Next was Pending Business. There being none,

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr.. Martinelli and Mr. Wilkes and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wilkes